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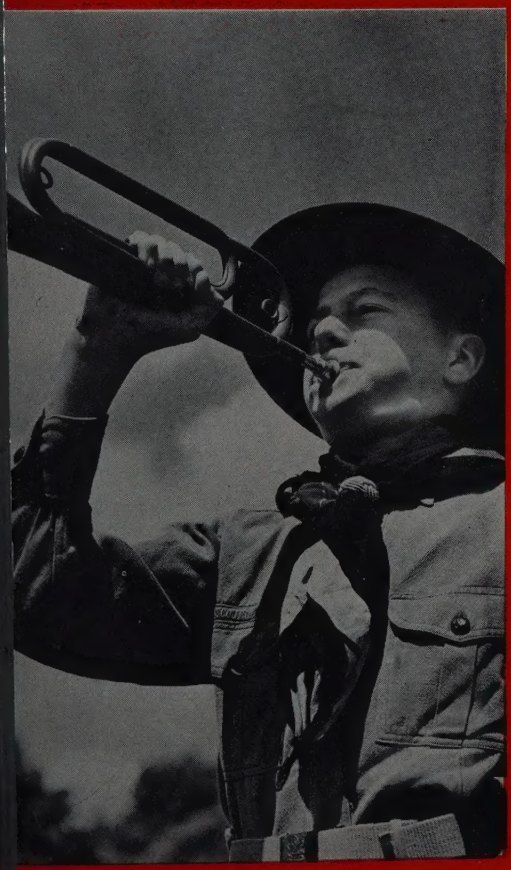

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Easter Cross

Pictured above is the eight-foot-high red-cedar cross erected on the churc lawn the day before Ash Wednesday by the Brotherhood of Holy Trinit Lutheran Church, Kingsport, Tenn., the Rev. Donald R. Fauble, pastor. Th rustic cross was displayed on the corner of the heavily traveled main rout to the local hospital and was illuminated by spotlights at night.

On Easter, almost every child in the church school brought flowers t place on the cross. It is estimated that 200 blossoms were used on the cro alone, with others placed in vases at the foot. Present plans are to put u the cross each year during Lent and decorate it on Easter.

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We're Letting the Kids Down

BY LESTER AND IRENE DAVID

Millions are missing out on Scouting and other activities for lack of adult help. Wanted: parents who care!

Question: *Mrs. Annette P. Goldman, of Woodmere, N. Y., writes: "I have been trying to enroll my daughter, Madelon, aged nine, as a Brownie Scout for two years. My neighbors have encoutered the same obstacle as I. We are told that children cannot be accepted because there are not enough adults volunteering as group leaders. Can anything be done about this situation?"*

Youth Needs Leaders

Part One

Answer: The obstacle Mrs. Goldman and her neighbors face is confronting other parents and youngsters across the nation. In Brooklyn not long ago, teen-age members of the Junior Red Cross were all set to work three afternoons a week at a hospital for crippled children.

But the plan fell through. An adult, you see, must be present to advise the youngsters and see that hospital procedures are followed. No adults were available.

Thus the young patients lost out on recreation because the hospital's limited staff is too busy with more pressing duties, and the Junior Red Cross members lost out on a chance to learn responsibility while serving their community.

The incident dramatizes a nationwide problem which up to now has not been put into the spotlight. Yet doubtless it has penetrated to your community and may have affected the youngsters in your family.

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The problem is this: Almost every one of the country's youth-serving organizations, local and national, is seriously concerned about the lack of sufficient adult volunteers.

We spoke to many community leaders and officials of literally dozens of youth groups during a month-long investigation, and were shocked at what we learned.

Some organizations have long waiting lists for membership. Others are being forced to turn away young people who want to join. Still others must disband already operating units because their leadership disappears and no replacements can be found. All reported that the short supply of volunteers is stifling vitally needed expansion programs.

All this is dismaying in the light of these two major facts:

1. There are more youngsters of all ages than ever before, and their numbers are increasing rapidly. Robert C. Cook, director of the Population Reference Bureau, estimates that in 10 years there will be 14,000,000 more young people under 19 than there are now.

2. At present, all the youth organizations in the country combined reach only about one in every four youngsters.

In other words, the youth groups are needed—and will be needed—more than ever, and yet here is what we discovered:

In Minneapolis, Volney T. DeRemer is board chairman of the city's Junior Achievement Organization, which offers high-school-age youngsters a chance to gain practical experience by forming and running their own small-scale businesses. Reports Mr. DeRemer: "We had to turn away five hundred youngsters who wanted to join." There weren't enough adult volunteers.

In Cleveland, Herman Eigen, executive director of the city's Jewish Community Centers, asserts that a shortage of adult volunteers "has seriously affected both the quality and the depth" of the youth programs in five affiliated organizations.

In a Midwest city, 20 schoolchildren wanted to form an after-school club under the sponsorship of the Y. M. C. A. but no adult leader was available. The club wasn't organized. "Perhaps the youngsters turned to some other beneficial type of activity," said John A. Ledlie, youth program secretary of the Y, "and perhaps they didn't."

In a New York suburban village two Girl Scout troops had to be disbanded within a year for lack of leadership. In another, a troop of 26 girls faced extinction because its head, withdrawing for family reasons, was unable to find a replacement.

In many communities, girls seven to nine years old must sign up long in advance to join the Brownies, a branch of the Girl Scout groups. Mrs. Annemarie Schindler, a National Girl Scout official, told us, "Tens of thousands are on Girl Scout waiting lists all over the U. S.," with 10,000 in the New York area alone. Mrs. Milton Sigel, former scout camp director in a Long Island area, said:

"Not long ago, girls had to remain on the lists so long that by the time their turns came they were too old to become Brownies!" Things have improved since—they now wait only about a year in that area.

Many organizations told us they could double—in some cases actually *triple*—their service for young people if adults would heed their pleas and come out. Let's get specific:

Junior Achievement now has about 40,000 members in 125 communities. Says Larry C. Hart, J. A. president: "Every one of these communities has one or more centers where boys and girls fifteen to nineteen are running their own businesses. And each center could have tripled the number of teen-agers it was supervising if it could have accepted all who applied." The youngsters were turned down mainly because there weren't enough volunteers from business to counsel and guide them.

The Boy Scouts are doing an enormously effective job with millions of boys, but here again is the problem of volunteers.

(to be concluded next month)

Tips On Volunteer Jobs

Here are answers to the main questions asked by people who want to volunteer for youth groups:

1. Who's needed? Group leaders, hobby experts, camp counselors, committee members—in general, anybody with patience and good will.

2. How much time? This varies, but for the great majority of volunteer jobs, two to six hours a week.

3. Do you need training? Very little. Some organizations supply a short training course; for most, a briefing and well-prepared literature will see you through.

4. More information: Contact your local groups.

Boy Scouts

BY GEORGE EICHLER

Good Habits

Good habits are indispensable to a good life. They are like good knots which hold things together in their proper place. Scouts learn how to tie many knots which are useful for many different purposes. There are good knots and bad knots. Bad knots fail when strain is put on them or bind so tight that the rope becomes useless until the kinks have been taken out. A bad habit, like a bad knot, lets you down in times of stress, while a good habit helps to keep you steady.

The Master himself should be our pattern for good habits. Some examples of good habits he had:

THE GOOD TURN — It was said of him, "He went about doing good." Acts 10:38

THRIFT — He taught his disciples "to gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." John 6:12

EARLY RISING — "In the morning rising up a great while before the day He went out and prayed." Mark 1:35

CHEERFULNESS — "Be of good cheer," was his favorite saying. Mark 6:50

100,000 Membership Campaign

BY B. T. BODIE,
Extension Committee Chairman

The Florida Story

We present A. J. Kelley, president of the Florida Synod Brotherhood, who, with the challenging opportunity of having 1,000 new families coming to his state each week, has led his Brotherhood to a 40 per cent increase during 1955. Mr. Kelley tells the story of Brotherhood activity in his Synod.

*It is heartening to behold a gallant layman with facts, faith, discernment and courage, who stands up and speaks out for me and is heard and heeded.

"The good showing of increased membership is due to aggressive, forward-minded leaders in the local Brotherhoods; the conference officers and the men of Florida themselves. We are a young and growing state; so we have great opportunities before us. According to the latest figures, there are 1,000 families a week moving to Florida for permanent residence, and a great many of them are Lutherans.

"Today we have 33 ULCA churches in Florida, and surveys have been made for five more fields to be started as missions as soon as possible.

"The officers on all levels should have the credit for our increased membership, and perhaps my personal interest in the Brotherhood has had a small part in building the interest of our men. We have at the present time three conferences in the state—North, South and Central. I have attended each of these conferences at their quarterly meetings, twice or more, since being elected president in June, 1955. I have tried to talk with each man at these visits and feel that they are very much encouraged that their state president will take time to visit them.

"Prayer, personal appearances and the *full cooperation* of the men in the

A. J. Kelley

*The short quotations in this article are statements made by pastors about laymen.

state have made this possible. I feel sure the answer of how we had a greater than 40 per cent increase in our quota for 1955 can be summed up in two words, *personal sacrifice.* We have given some of the time used for our personal wants and pleasures to the *spiritual needs of others.*

"Our plans for 1956 are to contact as many men as possible and *evangelize, educate* and *energize* them for the advancement of the kingdom of God through the program of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America."

The laymen represent essentially significant elements of this ministry of the church. What do my laymen mean to me, a pastor? They mean strength, leadership, service, **power** for the church.

They are men of faith.

"Christ we can have, not only at Christmas, but every day of our lives and there is never a reminder from Him that our account is past due.

"Let's make a promise to Christ, from our hearts, that from now on we will do our utmost to bring ourselves and others completely to Christ.

"Remember, there is more joy in giving than receiving, and we can give our time and talents to Christ by participating fully in the Brotherhood program.

"We have a quota of 100 new members to fulfill in 1956, so let's get our 1956 Christmas gift for Christ by each of us getting one new member for the Brotherhood this year. We are the King's Men doing the King's work."

Men of God, everywhere, and in every profession, must be encouraged to assume their Christian responsibility.

Every Christian is a minister of Christ.

The executive committee of the Florida Synod Brotherhood met on Feb. 6 and recommended the following:

Increase membership dues from $1.50 to $5.00 a year—this to include *Lutheran Men*, national and state dues.

This recommendation has brought forth numerous questions and it is hoped that the following outline is self-explanatory:

1. Lutheran Men—$1.50

a. Every member should receive this magazine to have an effective Brotherhood.

b. This magazine gives news of other organizations, their work accomplished, and the topic for the month to work with the program of the church.

2. State dues increased from $.50 to $1.50

a. This increase will enable us to purchase many needed supplies for the various committees, such as evangelism, audio-visual aids, and parish education, just to name three.

b. Give us a small backlog of funds for office supplies and unforeseen emergencies.

3. National dues—$1.00

a. There is an anticipated rise in national dues from the present $1.00 to $2.00 a year to meet the budget.

b. The $1.00 left of the recommended raise in dues will be held in a special fund to meet this raise instead of asking the members for an additional $1.00 when due.

News and Views From Headquarters

BY HOWARD L. LOGAN

In going over the records again, we found two other Brotherhoods which had large 1955 memberships.

Reformation, Washington, D.C.—101 members.

St. Paul's, Lititz, Pa.—95 members.

We regret these omissions. First Lutheran, Pittsburgh, Pa., should be 150 members for 1955. Sorry!

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Here's an idea or two. Holy Comforter, Washington, D. C., Brotherhood recently honored past officers for a ten-year period. All but four made it. St. Mark's-Incarnation, Washington, D. C., Brotherhood recently completed a block-by-block canvass of their community. How about The Brotherhood conserving the abilities of former church councilmen. Frequently men leave church councils and no opportunities of further service in the congregation are presented to them. Sponsor a dinner for these former church councilmen and attempt to conserve their abilities.

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Scout headquarters reports that there are 37,444 Scout units chartered by Protestant churches in the United States at the end of 1955. This includes Cub packs, Scout troops and Explorer units. This is an increase of 2,638 units. Protestant congregations sponsor 36 per cent of all units in America. The Methodist Church sponsors the largest number of units, 10,401. The Presbyterian Church has the highest percentage when compared to number of congregations, 39.9 per cent. The combined Lutheran churches in America, with 16,265 congregations and 4,231 Scout units, has a percentage of 26 per cent.

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Recently, United Church Men (NCCCUSA's Men's Department) in cooperation with the Department of Christian Institutions (NCCCUSA) organized the "National Committee of Church Men for Church Colleges." This is a group of laymen of all denominations interested in promoting the colleges of their own denomination and thereby the total number of Christian colleges throughout America. Milburn P. Akers, executive editor, Chicago *Sun-Times*, was elected chairman.

The New York Times recently reported a percentage decline in the world's Christian population compared with the total population.

Year	World Population	Total Christians	%	Roman Cath.	Protestant	Orthodox
1929	1,800,000,000	682,400,000	37	331,500,000	206,900,000	144,000,000
1953	2,493,000,000	787,016,000	32	458,569,000	199,672,000	128,775,000

Here is another challenging statistic for us to consider as we accelerate our program of evangelism.

Recently we received the program or a retreat sponsored by St. John's Brotherhood of Lewistown, Pennsylvania. We appreciate the program and hope that many others will be sent to our offices here in New York. The retreat movement is one in which The Brotherhood is interested and wants to be helpful.

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ULCA layman Richard Sutcliffe, RT executive, the producer and ommentator of "Church World News", received national honors when the program was given honorable mention in Class 1 for nationally eard programs. The award was made y Ohio State University Institute for ducation by Radio. The fifteen-inute program is available to hurches for $2 a week. Here is a worthwhile project for The Brotherood. It is possible that you can ecure *free* radio time and use this rogram giving a local tie-in with our congregation.

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Recently we received a colorful letter sent to the Brotherhoods of Georgia-Alabama Synod by President David Blomstrom. It reminded the local groups that by good planning early enough the summer can become a season for strengthening their units rather than folding up for those months. And the letter calls attention to the enlisting of "men under 30" for their local units. We need to do this throughout our church.

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Don't forget the 20th Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood at Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, September 20-22, 1956. All registrations and reservations except housing should be mailed to headquarters, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

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1957 Vacation
LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 15-25, 1957
Plan early if you wish to attend!

Brotherhood in Action

BY CHARLES F. BROBST

Spiritual Retreats

"Lay aside thoughts of business nd personal care, come apart from he confusion of life, build up your piritual resources by spending a veekend at a spiritual retreat," is he way Earle W. Hoffman addressed he men of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Pa.

It all began last year after reading an article in this column on the value of spiritual retreats for the men of the church. The suggestion became seed that is developing into a well-planned program to be held at Camp Juniata, starting Friday, June 15th, at 4:00 p.m., and concluding the fol-

lowing Sunday after an address at 1:30 p.m. on "What the Retreat Has Meant to Me."

The men stay for three days. Lodging and meals are provided at a nominal cost. Addresses by clergymen and laymen will give inspiration and information which will be useful training for better Christian living. Outside attractions are excluded. Food for soul and body will be nourishing, and abundantly provided.

Among the speakers will be some pastors, an attorney and a university professor. Addresses on the fundamentals of the Christian faith are included. Devotions and Bible study will be on the program daily. Fellowship and recreation are not overlooked. The men will certainly enjoy themselves, but they will do more—they will receive inspiration, information and a renewed purpose to give more devoted service to the Lord and His Church.

In addition to inviting the men of St. John's Church, an invitation went out to 55 other neighboring congregations in an effort to extend the benefits of the retreat as far as possible. Ideas and experiences will be shared. Men will talk about their church with men of other congregations. They will recall the best about their church and uphold its work in the eyes of their fellows. A new appreciation of the church and their own Christian faith will be gained. This will all be to the good.

Other congregations will want to consider similar programs.

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Education for Living

BY EARL S. RUDISILL

Meeting the Later Years

The passing years change us all. The alterations can be largely for the better, but one may begin to slip and lose contact with the ongoing procession of life, the church, society, and civilization. Advancing years may bring us better knowledge, larger understanding, and finer qualifications for interpreting life.

Later Adulthood Has Its Marks

Among some people there is a tendency to emphasize what is lost or is being lost. They point out that youthful strength, imagination, anticipation, preparation, self-realization, children, life work, and income are gone. This is a mistaken emphasis, for one still is himself, a citizen, neighbor, consumer, and perhaps a producer.

The abilities, maturity, and store of experience make one richer and better qualified to make judgments. Larger freedom, time to think, a chance to evaluate one's past add much to life and prepare one better

o read, travel, serve humanity, and erve as a "senior counselor" to nany. A great many older people are ager to follow live interests and to lo meaningful things. Opportunity to ender such services is of special imortance in these days of early comulsory retirement.

What Can One Do?

I believe that people ought to plan or a long life because such an outook works out better as a rule than itting back and waiting for an early leath. It is better to plan and get tarted, even though the task does not et completed, than to give up, vegeate, and undertake nothing.

One's later years may well be ffered to community and church. There are many beneficial things to e done and so many of the younger eople are preoccupied. But older eople need to keep abreast of curent thinking and methods, and refrain from thrusting outmoded ways n a group. Each one should be willng to do the things he is qualified o do, and to keep on learning and naking adjustments to new situations. There are today a number of organizations and clubs sponsored by churches and other organizations which provide activities, work, study, and entertainment for older people. Our congregations need to give more thought to this problem.

There are many home activities which are interesting older people, such as music-listening, cultivation of appreciation of the arts, reading the history of the arts, and enjoying the biographies of the great artists, sculptors, and architects. I have an 82-year-old friend, a retired professor who carries community responsibilities, counsels young people, and lectures, and has recently started to paint—first in water colors, now in oils.

Each one ought to give thought to his later years and make plans for them. But our churches and other agencies need also to take steps to help meet these needs. The possibilities are unlimited and the number of people needing this ministration is expanding.

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179 Seminary Graduates

The ten theological seminaries of he ULCA this spring graduated 179 tudents, including one woman. She s Mrs. Dorothy Snyder of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, a., wife of a Gettysburg seminary raduate.

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Trinity, Wheeling, W. Va.

The Brotherhood of Trinity, Wheeling, W. Va., sponsored a basketball team in the church league sponsored by the YMCA during the past winter. The Brotherhood is always ready with a helping hand to the Luther League in any of their projects and sees that Easter lilies are taken to the sick and shut-ins. As of April 1, the Brotherhood had an enrollment of 46.

—Herman Bartlett

Honorary Life Memberships

BY PHARES G. BEER

1956 Honorary Life Membership Roll

Alfred P. Rasch, president of the Maryland Synod Brotherhood, in a recent president's letter quotes one Brotherhood president as saying: "Don't restrict Honorary Life Memberships to Brotherhood officers. We are using the idea to honor at least one man each year who has served the church in an outstanding way. It is our recognition of his contribution to the church."

In a recent communication the suggestion was made of having the recording secretaries in synodical and congregational Brotherhoods serve as Honorary Life and In Memoriam secretaries. While this is a matter for synodical and congregational Brotherhoods to decide for themselves, we believe that there are two sides to this issue. In matters of this kind there are generally two schools of thought; the one, held by centralists who believe in centralized power for the sake of efficiency, economy and easy administration, and the other, held by expansionists who believe that the larger the number of people given official positions in an organization the greater the democracy and activity it will create in the group. The former view may lead to arrogancy in office and dictatorship as well as neglect of duty because one person has too many responsibilities. The latter position may lead to an inferiority complex and neglect of duty because a person has too few responsibilities. In some instances a combination of these offices will lead to a neglecting of the presenting of the cause of the Honorary Life and In Memoriam Memberships at meetings because the recording secretary is too busy taking minutes, reading communications and doing other things at the meeting. In still other instances persons who are excellent recording secretaries will not like the role of promoting and presenting such memberships.

Fred W. Konemann, 505 Stirling Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, has been appointed Honorary Life and In Memoriam Membership secretary of the Maryland Synod Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania now has a complete list of conference secretaries by the appointment of Earl Schmehl, 1415 Mulberry Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, to represent the Reading Conference Brotherhood, and Mr. John G. Walters, 591 James Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, to represent the Wilkes-Barre Conference Brotherhood.

Below is the list by synods of all Honorary Life Memberships given during the sixth year:

Canada
The Rev. Albert W. Lotz
Walter E. Ludwig
Ernest Hiller
William Miller
Victor Ruchty
William Schwartz

Central Pennsylvania
S. E. Wicker, Ph.D., S.T.D., D.D.
Adam L. Rarig
Ervin E. Boyer
Harry F. Nye

Central States
Melvin A. Ruwe
Alva Knouse
Albert E. Smith
Walter Luckey
Adolph Rickert
Kenneth Schmid

Florida
Charles D. Blair
Clyde Schneider
The Rev. William Long Dowler
Brooks D. Cagle

Georgia-Alabama
Peter G. Schafer
Raymond D. Wood, D.D.
Charles L. Durham
H. B. Carlton
Al Kransusch
J. W. Foster, Jr.
Harry D. Mohl
George W. Price

Illinois
The Rev. Thomas L. Auer
Emil Makar
Clarence R. Studer
Grover Erdmier
Theodore J. Hughes

Indiana
Claude Charles
John Pfister

Iowa
George Lueke
Mrs. Hugo Welchart
The Rev. Hugo Welchart
Elmer Maatsch
Henry Maatsch

Maryland
Oscar F. Blackwelder, D.D., LL.D.
Merwyn C. Fuss
Harry L. Warrenfeltz
Raymond Mallette
Ira S. Kline
Dr. Franklin Menges
Charles S. Stief

Michigan
Samuel G. DeStefano
William J. Miller
Theodore V. Winter
Ralph L. Hill

New Jersey
Henry Beisler, LL.D.
Frederick W. Schmidt
The Rev. R. Whitson Seaman
Eugene H. Kelchner
Howard L. Logan

New York
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Stinius Dahl
Richard L. Vogel
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George V. Schreiner
John C. Horn
Fred G. Siegenthaler
Morris C. Skinner, D.D.
William E. Eberhardt
Paul E. Waltz
Christian F. Brown
John A. Gazdik
George G. Lounsbury
The Rev. Herman F. Vesper

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Mrs. Julia H. Monroe
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R. Lee Trexler
Russell W. Bollinger
David T. Frye
The Rev. K. Y. Huddle
W. Keith Kluttz
Osco C. Basinger
Leith C. Foster
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Claude B. Lingle
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Mrs. Mattie M. Capps
Miss Beulah Lyerly
Jacob Roy Pethel, Jr.
James Ervin Pethel
Pinkney E. Cleer
Harry T. Fink

Ohio

Harry Baker

Pennsylvania Ministerium

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John W. Dieckman
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Milton E. Smith
Gordon Redline
Thomas L. Potter
Nathan L. Melber
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Erwin Kline
Leidy S. Kramer
Irvin E. Reitz
The Rev. Leroy M. Bond
Frank R. Alderfer
Karl A. H. Krause
Daniel Biever
Fred R. Body
The Rev. Robert H. Krause
William Kellerman
John W. Klotzbach
Lewis A. Kohn, Sr.
Charles B. Jacobsen
The Rev. Karl L. Reisner
Walter Bates

Pittsburgh

Lysle P. Shaffer
Charles W. McKally
F. H. Kohne
Joseph S. Leeper
David P. Owens
Nevin S. Snyder

Slovak Zion

The Rev. Joseph W. Billy

South Carolina

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Walter N. Willis
Fred J. Buyck, Sr.
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Maurice B. Brown
G. V. Yonce
Paul E. Miller
H. J. Mattson

Texas-Louisiana

M. R. Henninger

West Virginia

S. H. Stone

Members of the Canada, Slova
Zion, and West Virginia Synods hav
been honored for the first time durin
the past year by Honorary Lif
Memberships. Twenty-three synodica
Brotherhoods or their members hav
cooperated with this program. Ma
we again please ask all synodica
conference and congregational Hon

orary Life Membership secretaries and other interested persons to check the above lists, and if there are any errors in the listing or spelling of names, please notify Phares G. Beer, Ph.D., 708 St. John Street, Allentown, Pa., immediately so that we may have a correct list.

News

New Jersey Convention Honors Logan and Kelchner

Two U.L.C.A. Brotherhood dignitaries were honored at the Fifth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, which was held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Trenton, on Saturday, May 5th.

The new Executive Secretary, Howard L. Logan, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his many years of service to the Lutheran Church, and his acceptance of the call to lead the men of the Brotherhood. President Howard C. Kontje presented the pin and certificate.

The Secretary of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood, Eugene H. Kelchner, received the annual "*Lutheran Layman of the Year*" award for the 139 congregation synod, chiefly because of his outstanding work among all the Lutheran bodies of the state, as a full-time Field Representative for Lutheran Refugee Service.

A rosewood gavel was also given Kontje, who served as president of the organization since its inception four years ago.

The Rev. William Laird, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Haddon Heights, was the opening speaker, while the closing session was addressed by Dr. Edgar S. Brown of New York City, head of the new Department of Worship of the United Lutheran Church. Other speakers were the Rev. Carl T. Uehling of Newark, Ernst E. Knoblauch of Rahway and William Sichel of Rutherford, all of whom were members of a panel on programs.

Eugene H. Kelchner

The newly elected officers are: President, Eugene H. Kelchner, Holy Trinity Church, Camden; Vice President, William Blohm, Jersey City;

Secretary, C. James Heuss, Long Branch; Treasurer, Albert J. Hastaba, Jersey City; and three members-at-large, Alvin H. Schaediger of Cliffside Park, Roscoe V. Roos of Princeton, and Newlin W. Stevens of Pennsauken.

Principal items of business were the adoption of a new constitution, and the election of a re-styled Executive Committee as provided for in the new document. One of the new amendments now enables the Synodical Brotherhood to invite the various congregational men's groups to apply for membership and definitely affiliate with the Synod auxiliary. Another gives the synodical organization the privilege, for the first time, of approaching the local units for free-will offerings toward the annual budget. Heretofore, the conference Brotherhoods had been responsible for raising the funds.

Reports showed that only $100 had come in last year under the previous arrangement, and that only one of the three conference Brotherhoods had participated. Under the new plan, contributions will no longer be channeled through the conference Treasurers but directly to the Treasurer of the Synodical Brotherhood.

Despite the fact that there was a deficit of nearly four hundred dollars reported, the delegates adopted a forward-looking budget of $1,350.00, which places upon the new officers the task of attempting to raise over $1,700.00 this coming year.

Invitations were extended to hold the next annual Convention at Christus Church, Camden, and at the Synod's official camp, Camp Beisler, near Hackettstown, N.J.

—Ted Scheidt

Earl Freese (left), Rochester, N. Y., is congratulated by his son Robert upon being awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y., on May 28. Robert was graduated this year from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

Earl Freese has long been identified with social work, serving six years on the Committee of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, the past two years as chairman. He is a past board member of the Inner Mission Society of Rochester, N.Y., which conducts a full-time hospital chaplaincy service. For the past year he has been president of the New York Synod Brotherhood, and has been active in Brotherhood work for 30 years. A member of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, he is active as area chairman. Whenever he is in Rochester on Sunday, he teaches his Sunday school class in Resurrection Church.

Robert Freese, who graduated this spring from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, was a "dean's

" student majoring in economics
l political science. President of the
ttenberg Economic Forum and
nediate past president of Lambda
Alpha fraternity, Robert was
own as one of the outstanding so-
studies students at Wittenberg
many years and was consistently
the head of his class in labor re-
ons. After graduation he joined
es with his father at Harper
hod cosmetic laboratory in Ro-
ster. He plans to be married in
gust.

Carl Freese completed recently the
nagement training course at Wit-
berg College offered especially for
iness executives and management
sonnel. He was elected chairman
is class and called upon to deliver
principal speech at the final
monies of the management class.

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clear Engineer Speaks About e of Atomic Energy for Peace

n its second year, the Brotherhood
Grace Lutheran Church (commun-
membership about 150), Somers
nt, N. J., now has 50 members.

t the May meeting of the group,
men heard Joseph T. Kelly, Jr.,
lear engineer with the Atlantic
Electric Company, speak on
omic Energy for Peace." Mr.
y also showed a film called, "A
ds for Atom," and slides on the
ation of an atom-powered gen-
ing station. The speaker also had
display a piece of uranium weigh-
2½ pounds.

he Ladies' Aid Society of the
rch served the men a ham dinner.
Seven new members were received at
the meeting.

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"Christ-in-Bronze" Dedicated

Religious News Service Photo

This six-foot statue of "Christ-in-Bronze," made by a German sculptor in Berlin, was dedicated in the sacristy garden of the recently built First Lutheran Church, Glendale, California.

Standing before the figure, also known as the "Christ of Berlin," are the Rev. Karl E. Kniseley, pastor (left), and John Bruecker, industrialist and member of the Glendale parish who donated it. The two girls are Patty Hundley and Julane Herr.

The rugged image in the shape of a cross was sculptured by Knud Knudsen, a Lutheran of Danish descent. It has been widely acclaimed in European art circles.

The Glendale parish is the largest west coast congregation of the ULCA.

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Carpenter Shop

For two hours on Tuesday evening, April 17, the basement of the Lord's House became the Master's Carpenter Shop.

Men of the Brotherhood of Mason County Parish, West Virginia, met in

the basement of Zion Lutheran Church, Broad Run, to make tables for the park opposite the church. Two 12-foot tables are now ready for the use of His people.

—Raymond Peters

Father and Son Banquet Grace Brotherhood Fairmont, W. Va.

The Brotherhood of Grace Lutheran Church, Fairmont, W. Va., organized in 1920, was the first Brotherhood to be organized in the West Virginia Synod.

The annual Father and Son Ba quet held in February was sponsor by the Brotherhood. Members of B Scout Troop 2, which has been spo sored by the Brotherhood ever sin the troop was organized 27 years a were honored guests. The troop the most cosmopolitan in the city. the past few years boys of t Protestant, Jewish and Roman Cath lic faith have been members. L than one-third of the boys co from Lutheran families. A few ye ago one of the scouts received t *Pro Deo et Patria* award.

Two Brothers Receive Pro Deo et Patria Award at Same Service

Our Saviour Church, Coatesville, Pa., the Rev. Robert S. Nagle pastor, is believed to the first church anywhere to present the Pro Deo et Patria Award to two brothers at same service. The ceremony took place on May 6.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Walter Lair; Eagle Scout Benton Lair and Life Scout Nel Lair, award winners; Walter Lair.

Rear row, left to right: Robert Mercer, scoutmaster of Troop 70; William Taylor, presid of the Scout Council of the Brandywine District; Clarence Souilliard, commissioner for District; Pastor Nagle; Keith Bateman, color-bearer of the Troop; Eagle Scout Kenn Lawrence, first Pro Deo et Patria award winner in the church and in the city of Coatesv (38 churches); Howard Christy, Scout executive for the District, and Star Scout Vincent Sm second boy in the church to win the award.

The church is the first local one to have four winners.

The projects of the boys are: Benton a built-up Luther coat of arms, 30 inches diameter; Nelson, a built-up symbol of the Holy Spirit, 24 inches in diameter.

Charters Issued to New Brotherhoods*
February 20 through May 1, 1956

13. Feb. 24—St. Luke's Lutheran Church, New Rochelle, New York
14. Feb. 24—Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Miles, Texas
15. Feb. 24—Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania
16. Feb. 24—Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bristol, Pennsylvania
17. Feb. 27—Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe, Pennsylvania
18. Feb. 27—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Trauger, Pennsylvania
19. Mar. 16—St. John's Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland
20. Mar. 16—Our Savior Lutheran Church, Coatesville, Pennsylvania
21. Mar. 16—Second Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio
22. Mar. 16—St. Luke's Lutheran Church, New York, New York
23. Mar. 16—Reformation Lutheran Church, Buffalo, New York
24. Mar. 16—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Nashville, Tennessee
25. Mar. 27—St. John's Lutheran Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada
26. Mar. 28—Lucas Lutheran Parish, Lucas, Ohio
27. Feb. 9—St. John's Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
28. Apr. 6—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Beachwood, New Jersey
29. Apr. 6—Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights, Illinois
30. Apr. 18—St. John's Lutheran Church, Elmwood, Ontario, Canada
31. Apr. 23—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur, Georgia
32. Apr. 24—St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Huntsville, Alabama

**Should there be any errors in this listing of new Brotherhoods, please report them to the New York office.*

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Tentative Kitchener Convention Program

Theme: *Be Ye Lifted Up*

Thursday, September 20

2:00 P.M. Registration
2:00 P.M. Meeting of Executive Committee

Dinner

7:30 P.M. Opening Service—"Lift Up Your Heads"
Dr. William Zimmerman, Dean, Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska
9:00 P.M. Formal Opening of Convention
Office of Opening of Convention

Appointment of Committees
Presentation of Changes in By-Laws

9:30 P.M. Informal Reception

Friday, September 21

9:00 A.M. Devotions—"Lift Up They Feet"
Rev. Franklin Jensen, Pastor, St. Marks Lutheran Chu
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9:30 A.M. Official Greetings
Response to Greetings
Introduction of Executive Secretary

10:00 A.M. Report of the President
Report of the Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Report of the Executive Secretary
Report of the Nominating Committee
Report of the Executive Committee

12:00 Noon Closing Prayer
Voting at *Lunch* Hour

2:00 P.M. Opening Prayer
Report of the Evangelism Committee
Presentation of King's Men
Report of the Audio Visual Committee
Report of the Extension Committee
Proposed Constitution and By-Laws
Lutheran Men
Proposed Budget for 1957 and 1958

4:30 P.M. Report on Memorials

5:30 P.M. Closing Prayer

6:00 P.M. Synodical Officers Dinner

Dinner

7:30 P.M. Evening Service—"Lift Up Thy Voice"
The Rev. Dwight Putnam, President, Central Pennsylv
Synod, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
(Possible Presentation of Lamb Awards)

Saturday, September 22

9:00 A.M. Devotions—"Lift Up Your Hands"
The Rev. Franklin Jensen

9:30 A.M. Report of the Scout Committee

10:30 A.M. Report of the Executive Committee continued
Unfinished Business
Old Business
New Business

11:15 A.M. Address by Dr. F. C. Frey (a possibility)

12:00 Noon Installation of Officers
Closing of Convention

Lunch

2:00 P.M. Tour

7:00 P.M. Convention Banquet—"Lift Up Now Thine Eyes"
The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President, ULCA

Redeemer Brotherhood, Des Moines

Though Redeemer Church, Des ›ines, Iowa, has not observed otherhood Sunday, lay persons ve conducted the church services ring the pastor's vacation, for sev- il years. The ladies take charge of › Sundays and the men take the re- ining two.

During the year the Brotherhood ns three meetings which include boys of the church. All are dinner etings, and there is no fixed urge, but an offering is received. rly in June an evening "strawberry tival" is held for men and boys in park, with sports and contests eduled for the early part of the ning.

The Brotherhood invites the ladies the church to attend one meeting h a program of interest for all. st fall the Rev. Dr. A. J. Beil, syn- cal president, and his wife showed ir pictures of Japan on ladies' ht.

—La Vern A. Johnson

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St. Mark's Oakland, Md.

During Lent, St. Mark's Brother- d, Oakland, Md., conducted a g's Men crusade, with about a per cent positive reaction among se visited. We now use the experi- e gained in the crusade to carry a year-long program of Evan- sm, the Brotherhood playing an ve role. We had a follow-up cam- gn among those who had been ted and did not attend any church ices during Lent.

We are planning to sponsor, as we have in the past, two outstanding young persons in our church for a full scholarship to Camp Luther.

The summer will bring our annual Brotherhood picnic, and we are already looking forward to the annual corn roast, which will probably take place at the September meeting.

We are planning three "work nights" for the summer to improve the appearance of the grounds around the church. We hope to play an active part, by getting more than just our Brotherhood members to help in the redecorating the narthex of the church, as part of the total redecoration of the church this year.

This year is the fiftieth year since we dedicated the church, and we are planning an anniversary celebration during the first week in December.

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Eastern Conference Brotherhood of New York

The 1956 convention and rally of the Eastern Conference Brotherhood of the New York & New England Synod was held on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 5, 1956, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville, N. Y.

The afternoon session was addressed by our district director of evangelism, the Rev. Wilmer Zuehlke, B.D., of Johnstown, N. Y., whose message was, "Be ready to take advantage of every opportunity to bring Christ to other people."

Following the reports of the officers the elections resulted in the following being elected to serve the

Eastern Conference Brotherhood for the coming year:

President, Leland Hokerk, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Vice President, Bertram Otto, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Secretary, Norman Kirk, Schenectady, N. Y.; Treasurer, Smith Patrick, Richmondville, N. Y.

The officers were installed by the Rev. Robert Reisch of Richmondville, N. Y.

The convention closed with a dinner followed by a vesper service conducted by the Rev. Robert Reisch of our host church, who later introduced Dr. Miller Ritchie, president of Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. Y., who spoke on "After High School What?"

The meeting closed with a prayer and benediction.

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New York Central Conference Convention

The sixteenth annual convention of the Central Conference Brotherhood of the New York and New England Synod was held on May 5 in Holy Nativity Church, Endicott, N. Y., with 100 laymen and pastors in attendance from the Brotherhoods of the Utica, Syracuse and Binghamton areas.

Announcement was made that at the thirteenth annual retreat of the conference Brotherhood in September at Big Moose the speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Amos G. Traver of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, and Howard L. Logan, executive secretary of the ULCA Brotherhood.

The Rev. Dr. John H. Dudde, spiritual advisor to the conference Brotherhood and pastor of St. Pau Church, Liverpool, conducted the votions. Paul E. Waltz of Johns City presided.

Earl A. Pierson, Sr., of Utica, w elected president, and the new o cers were installed by the Rev. thur W. Hergenhan, president of Central Conference.

The convention dinner speaker the Rev. Walter E. Bock, the syno cal director of the Evangelism M sion.

—Charles F. Fingerhut

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Protestant Men Play Importa Role in NCCCUSA

The National Council of Churc (NCCCUSA) is pictured as a "pa nership between the clergy and lai in a study report issued recently

It showed that 4,230 men women, drawn from 11 sections the country, and many vocatio participate in shaping policy and p gram of the cooperative organizat of 30 communions, with almost equal division between clergy laity. The Council said there w 2,165 clergymen and 2,065 lay n and women on the rolls of the Co cil's leadership on Feb. 1.

The 4,230 persons were drawn fr the 30 communions that constit the Council, now carrying on work of 13 interdenominatio agencies that existed prior to 19 and 28 other communions that p ticipate in one or more departme Their designation as members various boards or committees is m or approved by the denominatio

d the numerical strength of each nomination is based on proporonal representation.

The report showed the 254 mem- r policy-making General Board, hich meets quarterly to conduct the ouncil's business, has 115 laymen d 139 clergymen on its rolls. The eneral Assembly, which meets trinially and alone can pass on anges of the constitution, admit w members and elect officers, has otal membership of 1,059, includg alternates. This number includes 5 of the laity and 684 clergymen. The Council itself has 20 officers aded by a clergyman, Dr. Eugene rson Blake, Presbyterian of Philalphia. Eleven officers including ven vice presidents, the treasurer d recording secretary are laymen. ne are clergymen.

Laymen outnumber the clergy two one on the Business and Finance mmittee, which supervises the uncil's finances and administran of a $13,000,000 budget. Out of members, 62 are laymen, including chairman and vice chairman. ere are 86 laymen and 33 clergy the 119 member committee which ects the affairs of the Department the Church and Economic Life. e 221 member general committee the Division of Life and Work ludes 174 clergy and 74 laymen.

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ewardship is the Mainspring

When asked to speak upon stewardp before an annual assembly of denomination, a well-known acher at first recoiled from the invitation. Said he, "I dislike 'stewardship' in word and idea, and never heard a sermon on it which did not close both purse and heart." However, when he was asked to speak stewardship and our commitment to Christ, his heart leapt. Why did he feel this way about it?

Stewardship to him had always been associated with the demand of the law, but seldom with gentleness of grace. However, when seen in its proper Christian perspective, stewardship becomes something related to the very mainspring of life and action.

Stewardship is to the Christian life and the Christian Church what a mainspring is to a watch. A watch cannot run without a mainspring. A Church cannot "go," however vigorously we shake it, without a dynamic motive. Therefore, the first thing about which we must become clear is the Christian meaning of stewardship itself.

—E. E. Homrighausen

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NLC Film Depicts History Of Lutheranism in America

The 300-year history of the Lutheran Church in North America is depicted in a dramatic documentary film, "Harvest of Years," that will soon be released by the National Lutheran Council.

An account of the growth of Lutheranism in the United States and Canada, the picture is in color and has a running time of thirty minutes, and will be available to congregations on a rental basis.

Count Me a Partner — In Resisting Temptation

BY ROBERT E. BAYLESS

"LEAD US not into temptation," is the earnest prayer of Christians in our day—though the meaning of the prayer is often misundertood. Some people actually think that they are praying that God should not tempt them. Luther clearly explained that God himself tempts no one to sin. He does, however, permit the devil, the world, and our own flesh to lead us into temptation. But temptation is not sin—giving way to temptation is. Temptation is testing, and if the temptation is resisted, it results in strengthening of character and Chr tian life. Luther, referring to ten tation and sin, once said, "You ca not keep the birds from flying ov your head, but you can keep th from building a nest in your hai

Author

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Christ Was Tempted

Some people are startled by fact that Jesus could be tempt They confuse temptation (testin with sin. Christ never committed sin, but he was tempted and tes even as we are. His temptations m have included the danger of giv up his real life's work during t long period of obscurity in Nazare It certainly included the frontal tack of Satan in the wilderness. Fr then on temptation followed u temptation as men tried to make h an earthly king; as they rejected h at Nazareth and tried to hurl h from a precipice; as they took stones in the Temple to stone him death; as they sought to dissu him from going up to Jerusalem face suffering and death; as his ciples slept in the Garden of G semane while he prayed that the of suffering might pass from him; they sent the motley crew to ar him; as Judas placed the trait kiss upon his cheek; as men beat h

l spit on him and crowned him
h thorns; as they railed upon him
he hung on the cross. But the sleep-
hostility of Satan was in vain.
twardly the temptations raged;
hin there was peace and undeviat-
loyalty to the Father.

There are many who think that
us was foolish to persist in follow-
the way of the cross. The voice
he wilderness pointed out a much
ier way. Why the cross when he
ld have been a king? Why suffer
en he could have had world-honor,
atthew 4:8-10)? Yes, Jesus was
pted, but he did not fall prey to
wiles of the temptations.

Men Who Fell

Every prison and reformatory
plain can point to scores of young
n who did not resist their tempta-
is. They gave way to temptation
shattered the dreams of their
ents and perhaps broke the
ents' hearts.

Some of these young men were
ught up in the Lutheran Church.
ir parents showered upon them
ng care and guidance. They were
en to Sunday school, attended con-
nation class and Luther League,
gave fair promise of fulfilling
dreams of parents. But some-
re along the way temptation was
strong, a crime was committed,
several lives were shattered.

These young men were taught right
n wrong; they were brought up in
istian homes, they were taught the
damental principles of a good life.
when temptation confronted
n they succumbed to it. Why?
Why did they decide to take the seemingly easy road rather than the road acceptable to society? Where does the fault lie? Does it lie with the family, the church, the school, our society?

Perhaps part of the fault lies with each of these institutions. It isn't too many years ago that when a young man or woman sought entertainment he had to go no farther than his own home. The family was a closely knit institution. Its members worked and played together. The church was an integral part of family life, and most social gatherings were held there. The school was also closely connected to the home and the church.

Today our life is much more complex. The home and the church and school are no longer the centers of all forms of activities. A great many centers are competing for the time and interest of young people. Money has become a god to many people, and "keeping up with the Jonses" makes heavy inroads on time and energy.

Society has made the "ways of the flesh" much more appealing, and the evil way far more intriguing than was the case when our parents were young.

Young people need to be taught to fear sin and its consequences; they need to be shown by adult examples the way to be strong in the face of temptation; they need to be told of the rewards that await those who live as Christians. They need to be helped to develop the courage to repent and seek Christ anew when they have done what they know is wrong.

Rejection of Non-conformists

One of the factors that makes life difficult for all of us today is that we must conform or else be rejected. Jesus faced this temptation in his day. His family urged him to conform to the religious beliefs and practices of his day. When he refused, he was rejected.

Christians must often be prepared to stand alone. It is not easy to live a Christian life in a godless home. It is not easy to be honest in business when competitors are dishonest. It is not easy to tell the truth when others lie. It is not easy to maintain virtue when companions flaunt all morals. It is not easy to listen for the still, small voice of God's guiding Spirit when the world is filling the air with the blatant noises of enticing temptations. The world says, "Conform, or be rejected."

On the night in which he was betrayed Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane. He took three of his trusted disciples with him into the garden and bade them, "Watch and pray." Then he went a little distance beyond the place where he left them, to pour out his sorrows before his Father. But when he returned he found his disciples sound asleep. They could not watch with him that tortuous night, no, not one hour!

Young people who have strayed from the paths of righteousness say again and again, "We were friends, and he suggested . . ." Then they often add, "Well, we knew that if we didn't go along we'd be rejected by our friends." What is the answer? The answer is simply this: "Wa and pray in these hours of temp tions."

The Flesh Is Weak

Jesus was betrayed by Judas thirty pieces of silver. It could w have been Peter, John, or any of other apostles. When Jesus chose das to be one of the Twelve he h the same faith in him that he h in the other apostles. Jesus entrus the financial affairs of his little ba to Judas. No doubt in the beginn the spirit of Judas was willing, in the end his flesh was weak. "Wa and pray that you may not enter i temptation; the spirit indeed is w ing, but the flesh is weak" (*Matth 26:41*).

A great preacher once said never sees a poor drunk bum lying a gutter without saying to hims "There, but for the grace of Go lie."

Temptation can take many for We see the results of giving way temptation especially as we visit th who are behind prison walls. But need not enter our prisons to see results of sin. We can look about in our own communities, whet they be rural or urban, and see results of alcohol, cheap advertisi lewd literature, and other temptati that led men to sin. Chaplains penal institutions tell us that sin omission are often more deadly t sins of commission. A father's fail to discharge his duty towards family, a mother's failure to give love to her child which every c deserves, have often resulted in yo

n going astray, crying out for love affection and a sense of security.

God Tempts No One

Even though God does not tempt he does permit the devil, the ld, and our own flesh to tempt us. temptation is not sin; succumb- to temptation is. Temptation is a ing, and when resisted our charac- are strengthened.

Temptation probably makes its approach most often in the form houghts. In the secret places of minds we dramatize and act out thoughts. We read books that de- be wickedness, we play with emo- al dynamite as if it were a harm- toy. We get ourselves into gerous situations and enjoy being e. We keep the wrong company. listen to an enticing voice. Thus lay with temptation and step by draw closer to sin.

is foolhardy to play with tempta- s. Experience should have taught us that we have good reason to doubt our ability to withstand temptation. It is especially when we are over-confident of our strength that we are led to our downfall. "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall" (*I Corinthians 10:12*).

We cannot escape temptation for the very reason that we are endowed with freedom of choice. Since no person has an iron will, everyone is in danger of falling. If our daily job brings us into situations which tempt us, it is better to give up the job rather than give up our soul. We can so set our hearts on attaining social success or accumulating material goods that we reach the point of thinking success and wealth are essential at any price. If this is the direction of our lives it is important as soon as possible to follow another road.

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Available Help

Human nature is treacherous. When we feel ourself strongest, then we are often weakest. When we think we are most secure, then we are often in greatest danger. If we depended solely upon our own strength to resist temptation we would be without hope. But God is faithful, and with the temptation will provide a way of escape. The earnest Christian therefore depends not upon his own strength but the strength which God provides.

To be able to stand in the face of temptation the earnest Christian spends much time in reading God's holy Word; is regular in receiving the Lord's Supper, where he not only receives forgiveness of sins but strength for the battle which lies ahead; is fervent in prayer; and constantly seeks the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. He avoids evil c panions and wicked surround and seeks the companionship of t who like himself are fighting good fight of faith. One of the beautiful passages in the Bibl found in the Book of Jude:

"Now to him who is able to you from falling and to present without blemish before the pre of his glory with rejoicing, t only God, our Savior through Christ our Lord, be glory, maj dominion, and authority befor time and now and forever" *1:24,25*).

For Study and Discussio

1. What are the temptations men must face most frequently i day? Ask the pastor or other fied leader to whom the specia signment was made to lead in discussion. Allow a free expressi the part of members of the Bro hood.

2. What are the temptation which criminals most frequently cumb? Let this part of the discu be led by the judge, if a judge invited to participate in the me

3. Where can the Christian help in resisting temptation?

4. How can members of Brotherhood be of service in areas as prevention of juveni linquency, caring for unwanted dren, providing for unma mothers, assisting parolees, h probationers?

Suggestions for Action

1. Let members of the Brother become sponsors for someone

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to be placed on parole and take all ossible steps to surround him with truly Christian environment.

2. Develop a Christian fellowship thin the Brotherhood and the con-egation which will help to serve as protection against falling into sin.

3. Grasp every opportunity for sitive Christian living, which in it-lf will be a protection in the hour temptation.

4. Be regular and faithful in pri-te prayer, family prayer, public ayer, the reception of the Lord's pper, and the seeking of divine idance in every phase of living.

5. Have a committee that made eparations project the film and al-v time for its discussion.

Topic Aims

. To lead to an understanding of what is int by temptation.
. To show that Jesus was tempted in all its, like us, but that he never committed sin.
. To discuss some of the temptations con-ting men today.
. To lead to an appreciation of the help lable in resisting temptations.
. To lead "Christ's partners" to resolve they will seek Christ's help in striving overcome the temptations which confront n.

Worship

Hymn: "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" —No. 322 C.S.B., or No. 203 P.S.H.
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Prayer
Special Music
Hymn: "As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams"—No. 257 C.S.B., or No. 226 P.S.H.
Topic
Hymn: "My God! How Wonderful Thou Art" —No. 303 C.S.B., or No. 191 P.S.H.
Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

A Strange Word

Assignments for the September (Ninth) Meeting

Obedience is a word so little used in our age that there is danger that the next generation will have to go to the dictionary to find out what it means. We hear a great deal

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Lutheran Shows Cancelled By NBC Matinee Theater

The National Broadcasting Company has cancelled the last three of six Lutheran television programs scheduled for presentation on the network's "Matinee Theater." According to the Rev. O. H. Hove, chairman of Lutheran Television Associates, the cancellation was "due to objections from some of NBC's affiliates that the programs had too much church flavor for such a general commercial series."

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about co-operation, which is the democr process by which people work together, we hear little about obedience, which i form of submission.

The writer looked through a list of sev hundred films and filmstrips in the hope finding one that treated the subject of ob ence and could be used in connection the next Brotherhood meeting. But the sea was in vain. There were plenty of films dealt with family councils and other ph of co-operation but not one that dealt obedience. Yet obedience is a basic Chris virtue. Perhaps our lack of emphasis on ob ence has some relation to our present w of lawlessness and delinquency.

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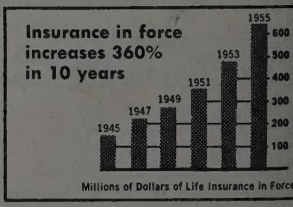

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